public for the upkeep and maintenance of their dental health care

S.T.D. Facilities

442. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect New Delhi with any more cities by giving S.T.D. facility; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 415 stations have already been linked with Delhi on STD. It is proposed to link about 200 more stations to Delhi on STD by the end of the 7th Plan.

Central Schools in Meghalaya

443. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central Schools at present in Meghalaya State; and

(b) whether Government propose to open more Central Schools in Meghalaya and if so, the number thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) There are, at present 6 Kendriya Vidyalayas located in the State of Meghalaya.

(b) At present, there is no proposal under consideration for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Meghalaya during 1987-88.

Selection of participants for Festival of India being held in USSR

444. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cultural groups/troups and individual performers, who had participated so far in the Festival of India being held in USSR;

(b) whether in selecting them due care was taken to ensure representation of important cultural trends and troups of different States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The total number of Cultural groups/troops and individual performers, who have so far participated in the Festival of India being held in USSR is 84 consisting of 1073 participants.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Advisory Panels for Music, Dance, Theatre and Folk and Puppetry to recommend selection of artists/groups have been constituted. These panels comprise of experts in the relevant fields. These committees ensured that as far as possible every state should be represented in the groups selected for Festival of India in USSR. The recommendations of each Advisory Panel are submitted to the Standing Committee of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations chaired by Vice President of India/President ICCR for final selection.

Publishing and distribution of text books by NCERT

445. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the 'Seminar' organised by the 'Federa-